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TELEGRAMS.

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THE NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

GERMAN SQUADRON THOROUGHLY DESTROYED.

A STORY OF SWIFT AND OVERWHELMING DISASTER.

London, January 24.
A German official message, received by wireless, states:—Our torpedo boats encountered the English in Hooldeen. We sank one destroyer and observed another by aeroplane to be in a sinking condition.
One of our torpedo boats, damaged and rendered unseaworthy, ran into Ymuiden.
All the other ships returned. There were eight losses.

A Battered German Craft.

Later.
A message from Ymuiden states that when the 409 arrived there, towed by three Dutch tugs, eight dead members of the crew were frozen to the deck, and the use of axes was necessary to detach them. The torpedo tubes were knocked sideways, while the signal tower, the searchlight, the bridge and one funnel were destroyed. The damage was due to gunfire, and also to ramming by a British boat, deeply denting the side of the 409.
Despite many degrees of frost, some of the crew were stripped to the waist, washing off the battle-stains. It is stated that only eighty out of a crew of 160 remain.

Conspicuous in the rigging, where it was frozen hard, was a man's arm, which had been blown off.
A number of the crew jumped overboard and were drowned. The Commander had both legs shot off. He has died in Ymuiden Hospital. Four officers were killed.

The battered remnants of the German "High Sea Forces," constituting the pirates' lair at Zeebrugge, are now limping to neutral ports or are trying to lurk along the coast to Germany.

The whole story was one of swift and overwhelming disaster, when the British swooped down destroying the squadron quickly and thoroughly.

A German seaman stated that the squadron had to dash out of Zeebrugge or be frozen in.

HONGKONG MAILS INTERCEPTED.

London, January 25.
The Post Office notifies that letters for China, Japan and Hongkong which reached London on January 7 and 8, and for Persia on January 6 and 8, were aboard the intercepted Ingeborg which was on a voyage from the United Kingdom to Sweden.

A.D.C.'s TO THE KING.

London, January 25.
General Sir Herbert Plumer, General Sir Archibald Hunter and General Sir William Robertson have been appointed Aides-de-Camp to His Majesty the King.

THE IMPERIAL WAR CONFERENCE.

Approval of Indian Appointments.

London, January 23.
The Westminster Gazette says that nothing could be more satisfactory than the selection of Indian representatives for the Imperial War Conference. Sir James Meeson is certainly one of the very ablest Indian administrators, and his recent speech at the Indian National Congress shows that he sympathizes with Indian ideals and aspirations. Sir Satyendra Sinha has every qualification for being considered a thoroughly representative Indian, whose selection will be universally popular; and the Maharajah of Bikanir is an equally good example of the ruling chiefs who have rendered very great service in many ways in the war.

Proposed Welcome to Delegates.

London, January 23.
A movement is on foot in the City to extend a civil welcome to representatives of the Dominions and India attending the forthcoming War Conference. It is suggested to take the form of a reception and the presentation of the Freedom of the City.

Date Not Yet Fixed.

London, January 23.
According to Reuter, the date of the first meeting of the special War Cabinet has not yet been decided upon, but it seems likely that it cannot occur before the middle of March.

The Times says that Sir Satyendra Sinha is a great man of great attainments and calm and balanced judgment. He enjoys the confidence of the people of Bengal to whom his selection is a special compliment. The Maharajah of Bikanir has rendered invaluable services during the war. Sir James Meeson is one of the most distinguished Indian civil servants and has the reputation of enjoying in an exceptional degree the esteem of the people of North India. He is an exceedingly sympathetic administrator.

IMPRISONMENT OF AMERICANS.

Growing Irritation Against Germany.

London, January 23.
According to a message from Washington, Mr. Gerard, American Ambassador in Berlin, has cabled that the Yarrowdale has reached Swinemünde with 460 of the crews of ships she has sunk, including 103 neutrals. The message says that Mr. Gerard is unable to secure a satisfactory statement concerning the imprisonment of Americans among the other neutrals. Irritation is growing in America in consequence.

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PRESIDENT WILSON'S PEACE PROPOSALS.

A Force to Prevent War.

London, January 23.
President Wilson, in his speech before the Senate, said that no covenant of operative peace that did not include the peoples of the New World, can suffice to keep the future safe against war, yet the only peace which American peoples could join in guaranteeing must satisfy the principles of American Governments. Mere agreements do not make peace secure. It would be absolutely necessary to create a force as a guarantor of the permanency of the settlement, so much greater than the force of any nation now engaged or any alliance formed or projected, that no nation or probable combination could withstand it. Peace must be made secure by the organized major force of mankind.

The Allies' Aims.

London, January 24.
The Solicitor General, Mr. Gordon Hewart, K.C., at Manchester, referring to the Allies' refusal of the insolent German peace-offering, asked:—Did any man with sense and spirit on this side of the water, or on any side of any water, imagine it prudent or practicable, or even tolerable, to contemplate a future wherein presumptuous pride of unscrupulous brutality was not defeated and overthrown? We would win for Europe and humanity the countless blessings of an enduring peace.

More Press Opinion.

London, January 24.
The Daily Telegraph deprecates the querulous comment on President Wilson and points out that the President has, for the first time, made clear his willingness to support the projected League of Peace with force of arms if necessary, thus adumbrating a vital change in the traditions and practice of the United States. The journal says that, broadly speaking, the conditions of the co-operative peace, stipulated by President Wilson, favour the Allies' cause, but the President is merely using catchwords when he talks of the freedom of the seas. His reference to peace without victory is absolutely bewildering in view of the Germans' crimes. The Morning Post concludes a criticism of President Wilson, as follows:—"After listening most interestingly to President Wilson's instructive essay in the art of reconstructing the world, we respectfully beg leave to continue the war."

THE LONDON DISASTER.

A Thousand Homeless People.

London, January 23.
So far, forty-six bodies, victims in the explosion, have been recovered. Twenty-four people have died in hospital, one hundred and twenty are seriously injured, and a hundred are slightly injured.

There are a thousand homeless people, and the damage is estimated at two millions sterling.

THE SUMATRA RISING.

Provoked by German Missionaries.

London, January 23.
According to an Amsterdam message the Telegraaf correspondent at Weltevreden says the Dutch East Indies newspapers have issued a warning against the interference of German missionaries in Government affairs, which was partly the cause of the recent rising in the Batak region of Sumatra.

DANISH RESTRICTION REMOVED.

London, January 23.
It is officially announced that the restriction on the import of tea into Denmark, announced on September 11, has been cancelled.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

A German Thrust.

London, January 24.
A wireless Russian official message says:—After strong artillery fighting, the Germans attacked between the Tural swamp and the River Aa, to the east of Kainem, and pushed us back a mile and a half to the north. Fighting continues.

Artillery Duel Near Riga.

London, January 24.
A Berlin official message says:—The artillery duel has revived south-west of Riga.

THE RUMANIAN SITUATION.

Russians Punish Bulgarians.

London, January 24.
A wireless Russian official message says:—We surprised, attacked and destroyed Bulgarians crossing the Georgiev branch of the Danube and took 337 prisoners.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

Another British Skipper Captured.

London, January 23.
The following sinkings are reported:—Port Nicholson, Matina, Mohocfield, Baron Semphill, Carlyle, and Lonolara (British), Kiangata Maru (Japanese), Jotenjell (Norwegian), Kamma (Swedish), a Danish schooner and a British trawler.
The Captain of the Mohocfield has been taken prisoner, two of the Mohocfield's crew have been lost, and four of the Kamma's crew are missing.

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

Is a Big Battle Imminent?

London, January 23.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, a military expert draws attention to the fact that the adversaries on the Western front are continually testing their respective strengths along the whole line, especially in the regions of the former battles of the Somme, Meuse, Champagne and Argonne. The other fronts, in the Vosges, Woivre and the Aisne, are also waking up.

The writer points out that similar trials of strength preceded the battle of the Somme.
The British executed no fewer than seventy raids from Ypres to the Somme between June 24 and July 1, and the present situation is greatly similar thereto.

Aerial Successes.

London, January 24.
The French communiqué states:—We carried out several successful coups de main at night to the south of Chilly, on the Somme, and near Hognesville, in Woivre.

Four enemy aeroplanes were brought down, including Lieutenant Gynemer's twenty-sixth.

Sixteen British naval aeroplanes bombed blast furnaces in the Barbrich basin at Sarre, apparently doing considerable damage.

A Fruitless German Effort.

London, January 24.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, the correspondent of La Liberté at Verdun, says that the German effort north of Oucristes wood was not merely a raid, but a strong attack by three regiments on a front of a kilometre, following an intense all-day bombardment. Our 73's murderous precision, checked and rolled back the assailants in disorder.

The second attack was preceded by liquid fire, and was equally costly to the Germans. One Company alone lost forty-one.

Six German Aeroplanes Destroyed.

London, January 25.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, says:—The enemy attempted a raid south-west of Loos, but was easily beaten off, leaving a number of dead and wounded.

We drove back a party south of Hallach.

We raided trenches south-east of Ypres and bombarded trenches south-east of Souchez, with good results.

During an air fight, six German aeroplanes were destroyed and three driven down. One of our machines was brought down, and two are missing.

BRITAIN AND INDIA.

A Noteworthy Speech.

London, January 22.
Presiding at a lecture given by Lady Katherine Stuart, under the auspices of the East India Association, Lord Ronaldsday agreed that the insularity of the Englishman was an obstacle to mutual understanding and sympathy between the two races. At least an equal obstacle were the ancient social customs, traditions, and strict rules of caste. For the removal of these difficulties they must look to time and sympathy. Very much could be done by determined goodwill on both sides. He knew from his own pleasant experience the lengths that high-caste Indians were prepared to go in an endeavour to stretch out the hand of friendship and hospitality. Goodwill was being aided by other factors, for to-day, under Lord Morley's reform, Indians were now working side by side with Englishmen in the highest positions in the Government, to the great advantage of both. The sharing of common responsibilities and burdens helped them to understand one another. The doubts of cautious Englishmen had been dispelled by experience, and Indians had learned that the motives actuating Englishmen were not a mere sordid desire to grasp and hold place and power. There might be room for legitimate differences of opinion regarding the pace of the advance, but there could not be any whatsoever on the point that we should proceed steadily and conscientiously with the policy we had deliberately adopted, of associating the best intellect and ability of India in the task of governing. These most anxious for ordered progress on these lines most regretted the adoption, by a small section of the populace, of methods of terrorism, for they best realised how serious a drag these methods imposed on the rate of progress. Another helpful factor was the European configuration, for comradeship on the battlefield was infinitely more potent in its effects than any obstacle to co-operation, or any social custom or tradition.
Mirza Abbas Ali Baig (member of the Council of India) said that Lord Ronaldsday's speech would dispel some, at least, of the misconceptions and misunderstandings which had gathered round long strings of quotations in Bengali papers from his past speeches and writings. He would go to Bengal with a clean slate, apart from some manifest prepossessions in favour of India.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

REPORTED AUSTRIAN SUCCESS.

London, January 24.
An Austrian official statement received by wireless says:—We captured a trench near Gorizia, making prisoners of 127.

MILITARY AWARDS.

London, January 24.
The "Gazette" announces that the Grand-Croix of the Order of the Bath has been awarded to General Sir William Robertson and Sergeant-General Keith for war services.

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POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders received to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Musketry Course 1917, Part 1. Nos. 3 and 4 Companies.—All recruits and all members who did not fire (or failed to pass) Part 11 of the 1916 Course, are provisionally warned to attend the range on Sunday next, January 28. They will leave as follows:—

No. 3 Company, leave Blake Pier at 9 a.m. sharp, returning from Sonecutters at about 1.45 p.m.

No. 4 Company, leave Blake Pier at 1.15 p.m. sharp.

Those in possession of new Winchester carbines will take them on to the range. All others will have rifles issued to them on the range.

Uniform with helmets to be worn. Inspectors, Sergeants, &c., will attend with their respective Companies.

Police School.

Friday, January 25.—Class I (Inspector Gerrard) and Class III (Inspector Grant).

Parades.

Friday, January 26.—All Recruits Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Companies under the Sergeant Major.

Monday, January 29.—No. 2 Company, Maxim Gunners. All Recruits.

Tuesday, January 30.—Nos. 3 and 4 Companies, Ambulance Platoon, and Buglers and Drummers.

Wednesday, January 31.—All Recruits.

Friday, February 2.—No. 1 Company.

The above Company Parades will be taken by the D.S.P. (R).

Band Practice.

Tuesday, January 30.—5 p.m.

Strength.

Trooper 788 Maher is transferred to No. 2 Company as from this date. Mounted equipment to be returned to E.O.

Bugler 29 Chan Chiu Yan is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.

Report Sheets.

Report sheets issued by the Discipline Department to Inspectors and others for enquiry into defaults are to be retained by such Inspectors, &c., until the conclusion of any enquiry made by them. They are not to be sent to the alleged defaulter.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre.—9.15 p.m.

Bijon Theatre.—9.15 p.m.

New Hongkong Cinematograph.—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

St. John's Cathedral.—Meeting of Seasholders and Subscribers; 5.30 p.m.

Victoria Theatre.—9.15 p.m.

Bijon Theatre.—9.15 p.m.

New Hongkong Cinematograph.—9.15 p.m.

Saturday, January 27.

Hongkong Race Meeting.—Entries close.

Monday, January 29.

West Point Building Co's Meeting; 11.30 a.m.

H.K. Central Estate Ltd.'s Meeting; 11.45 a.m.

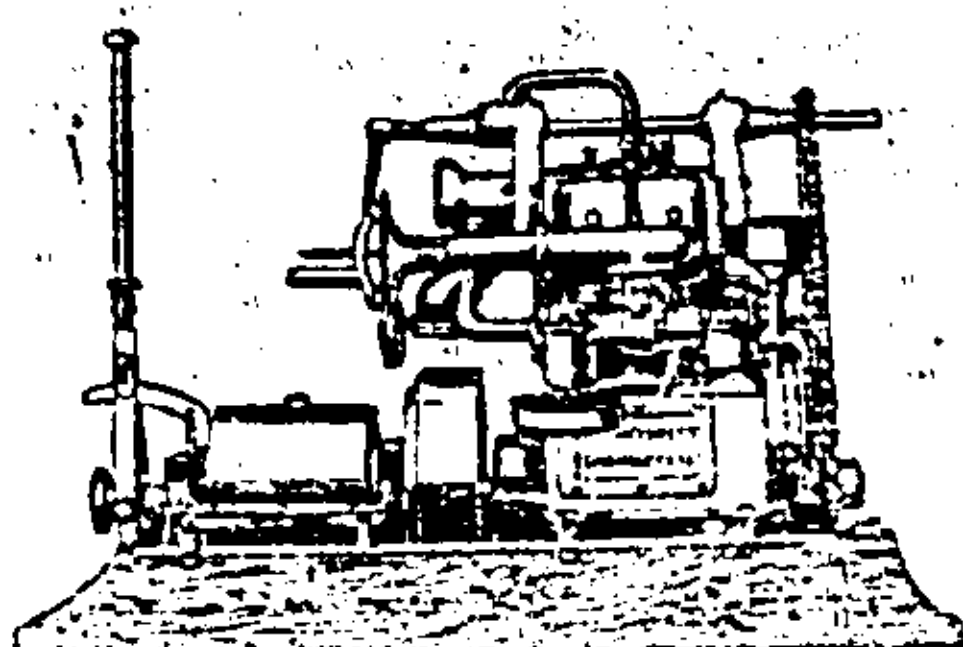
H.K. Land Investment and Agency Co.'s Meeting; noon.

H.K. Land Reclamation Co.'s Meeting; 12.15 p.m.

A Thief's Misfortune.

A Chinese has been conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from wounds in the head. The man was found in the backyard of 208, Queen's Road, and in his possession he had some house-breaking implements and a pocket belonging to some people of the house. He had evidently fallen while stealing the articles.

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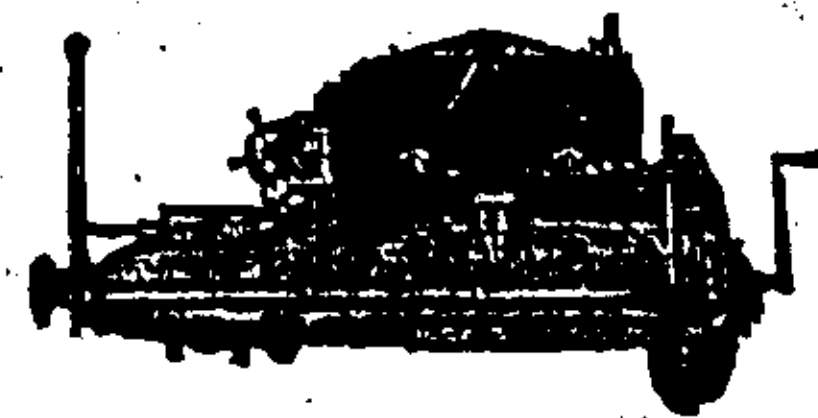
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GENERAL NEWS.

Consular Change.
Mr. H. F. King, H.M. Consul at
Swatow, previously at Kiangsi,
has been appointed Consul at Che-
foo, to succeed Mr. G. A. Coombe.

Land Tax and Lekin.
Peking, January 18.—Accord-
ing to returns the Land Tax
during 1916 produced over
\$78,000,000 and Lekin over
\$82,000,000.

Bridge Collapse on Pehau
Railway.
Peking Jan. 18.—Traffic on
the Peking-Hankow Railway has
been interrupted owing to the
collapse of a bridge between
Simantien and Chumation, while
a train loaded with military food-
stuffs was crossing. There were
about ten persons aboard; and
some casualties are reported.

Confucian Churches in Peking.
Peking, Jan. 18.—A number of
Peking citizens have petitioned
the police headquarters for per-
mission to establish Confucian
churches in Peking on the lines
of foreign churches, for preaching
Confucianism. The police refer-
red the matter to the Ministry of
the Interior.

Where U. S. Comes In.
The United States is directly
interested in many ways in the
proposed peace conference to end
the European war. For instance:
Japan has captured from Ger-
many three groups of islands in
the Pacific. They form a screen
between the United States and
the Philippines, a strategic van-
tage. The islands should be
awarded to some other nation
than Japan, it is argued, if men-
aces to peace hereafter are to be
removed.—"North American."

A Congo Expedition.
New York, Dec. 16.—Plans
were made public here to-night
for what experts representing the
Smithsonian Institution declare
will be the most important
scientific expedition to the French
Congo. Prof. R. L. Garner, of
this city, and Mr. E. Aschmeier,
of Washington, who form the
advance guard of the expedition,
will sail from this city on the
return voyage of the French line
steamship Chibogo, which arrived
to-day. They will be followed
in March by Mr. Alfred M.
Collins, of Philadelphia, and
Prof. Charles Wellington Farlow,
of Boston. The expedition is to
obtain zoological collections.

Peace Retarding in Shantung.
Peking, Jan. 18.—The question
of the dispersal of the revolution-
ary troops in Shantung is report-
ed to have been settled, though the
solution does not appear likely to
result in the reduction of military
expenditure in that province.
Tuchun Chang Hwai-shi, owing
to the unreasonable demands
of the revolutionary leaders,
despatched government forces
to Chouhsien and Weichien
and other centres and threatened
to suppress the revolutionaries if
they created further disturbance.
The latter refused to come to
terms owing to the absence of
their leader, Wu Tai-show, in
Peking, where the Central Gov-
ernment has detained him.
Eventually the revolutionary
leaders submitted and agreed to
march their troops to Tsinanfu,
where they will be reorganised.

Portugal's Troubles.
Paris, Dec. 16.—There have
been revolutionary outbreaks in
various parts of Portugal, accord-
ing to a Havas Agency dispatch
from Lisbon, filed yesterday;
but an official note declares that
the uprising has been everywhere
entirely quelled and that Lisbon
is tranquil. The Lisbon dispatch
reads: "Machado Santos, at the
head of a small troop of rebels,
tried to enter Abrantes (on the
Tagus, eighty miles north-east
of Lisbon, a town of about
8,000 population) yesterday morn-
ing, but the mutiny was quickly
repressed. Santos was arrested.
On December 13, troubles broke
out at different points of the
country, and part of the garrison
of Castello Branco (in Beira dis-
trict) also mutinied, while at
Thomas (near Abrantes) the out-
break took on a more serious
character. An official note de-
clares the uprising everywhere
was entirely quelled and that
tranquillity reigns in Lisbon."

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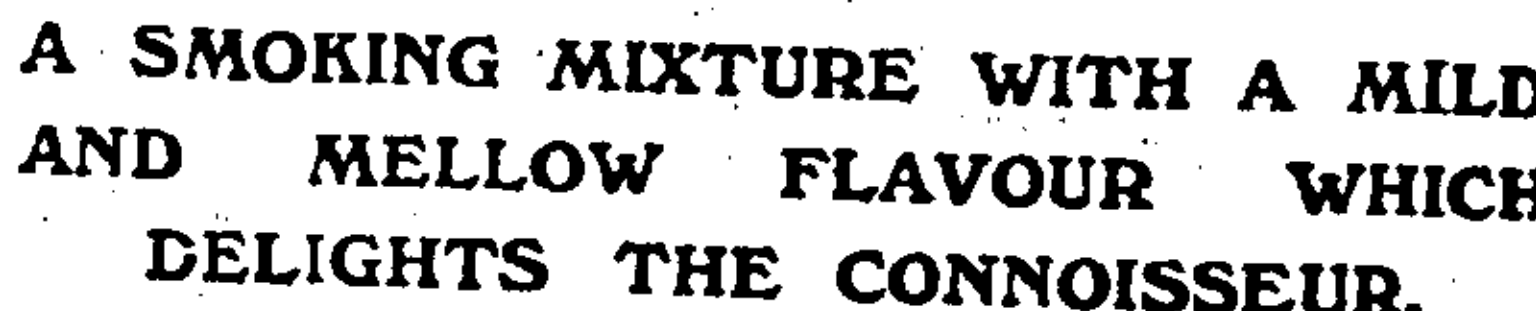
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CHINA AND A STATE RELIGION.

Northern papers have an increasing amount to say as to the alleged widespread desire among the Chinese for a recognised State religion. According to Reuters, the latest development is that a number of Members of Parliament have decided to form themselves into a party with the avowed object of establishing Confucianism as the national faith. This party "has determined that it will not yield a step, and will threaten to destroy the quorum at the meeting of the Constitution Conference unless the object is achieved;" all of which points at least to a certain amount of determination on the part of the prime movers. The fact that China can summon up enough energy to desire anything that is rational is, at any rate, something upon which to congratulate her; and though many of our readers, both Chinese and foreign, will be disposed to look with disfavour upon the idea of a State religion, they are bound to own that the demand is at least some sign of social and intellectual vitality.

Those Chinese who have been in England, or who have made a close study of British customs and institutions, will not feel that an "established" form of worship is an unmixed blessing, for they must have seen that, to the average British eye, the State Church is just something to be taken for granted, like the British Museum, and that religions of which the State takes no particular cognisance have a potent influence over the people. The more old-fashioned of the Chinese in general will doubtless oppose the special recognising of Confucianism, on the score that such preference is foreign to Chinese tradition. As a race, our good neighbours are naturally broad-minded where religion is concerned, and Taoist and Buddhist meet with like consideration from all sections of the people. Towards Mohammedanism and towards Christianity the average Chinese (despite the stories spread by the missionaries) is similarly tolerant, as a rule. Of course, there have been times when Christians, native and foreign, have been persecuted, but on nearly every occasion—the massacre at Tientsin five and forty years ago, or the more recent Boxer troubles, are good examples—religion was merely used as an excuse by certain wire-pullers whose one idea was to keep the country clear of foreigners and foreign sympathisers. In certain other cases, it has to be owned with shame that the missionaries went about looking for trouble—and found it; in other words, they interfered unduly with what did not concern them, and they paid the penalty.

Generally speaking, the Chinese are not a religious people, and it may be doubted if they ever will become so. Only the educated classes have ever been able to give a reason for the faith that is in them. To somewhere about three hundred million of the people there is no such thing as religion, as most other races understand it. China in general has never lost the primitive, almost animal belief that the universe is in the hands of certain entities that must be appeased, or must be conformed to by some form of just pigism. For one Chinese whose life is in any way guided by the excellent moral code of a great teacher like Confucius, there are thousands who, from birth to death, recognise no religious or moral law at all—save of course as regards ancestor worship—and whose sole idea about such things is, as we have said, that some spirits must be invoked and others exorcised. To such people one might as well talk of making Judaism or Christianity the national faith as of establishing Confucianism. The idea may be in itself greatly commendable, but it has the main drawback of being impracticable.

Neutrals and Missionaries.

Not for the first time are neutral nations realising that the German missionary is of a piece with his non-clerical brethren; that is to say, a liar and a deliberate disturber of the peace. To judge from to-day's wire therapeut, the papers in Java and Sumatra are beginning to call a spade a spade, and to say outright that the troubles among the Batak people are due, to a certain extent, to the machinations of these missionising priests. The Lutheran preachers have a decidedly persuasive way with them; they are by far the best-educated of any of the Protestant missionaries, and they know the value of the mental ascendancy which they are able to acquire over some of the native races. In the Dutch Indies they have been lying as they lied here in the New Territory, in India, and in every Chinese province to which they have penetrated. Fortunately, in the Dutch, they have to deal with a nation that will give them very short shrift indeed, and that, at need, will make no bones about knocking some semblance of decency into them with a rattan—the only sort of argument that such pious frauds are likely to understand.

Americans and their President.

We suggested yesterday in this column that the bulk of the American people can hardly be expected to sympathise with their President when he vapours about "peace without victory," etc. Today's cables confirm us in the opinion that no manly and honest American can possibly be content to accept Dr. Wilson's charitable view of our enemies. In the first place, Reuters records that the Hun Consul General and Vice-Consul in San Francisco, together with a lieutenant, have been convicted of the charges brought against them in connection with plots to blow up munition works, and have received sentences which may set as a warning to some of their gallant compatriots who are settled in the United States. No sane American can read of the doings of these three gentlemen, or of those of the notorious von Papen and company, without contrasting their conduct with that of the Allied subjects whose affairs may have taken them to a neutral country. It has surely been made clear by this time that the schemer is indestructible in the German, and that none but a madman would trust one of the foul breed. Then what are the people of America going to think of their elected leader, when he egally hints that the Allies ought to forget any little ill-feeling that they may bear towards this cultured race, and just forgive and forget?

"Growing Irritation." Reuters tells us, too, that the United States Ambassador in Germany "has not been able to secure a satisfactory statement" concerning the imprisonment of Americans, among neutrals who have been taken from various ships, and that there is consequently a growing irritation in America thereat. Not unnaturally the people of the United States will be wanting to know what their President intends "to do about it." The Presidential career of Dr. Wilson must surely have shattered most of the illusions in which the present generation was reared. It was always said that America would not tolerate injustice in any part of the world, that she would uphold the rights of small or weak nations, and that the Stars and Stripes was an inviolable shelter to those seeking it. This belief was all very well before it was put to the test. But during President Wilson's time, Americans have been insulted and sometimes butchered in Mexico, their very flag has been deliberately affronted there, Americans have been drowned at sea by German pirates—and the only reply has been some cheap sort of bluff at which both Mexicans and Germans have sniggered. What will be the President's action over these prisoners now in German hands? Will he insult his own people by the sending of yet another Note? If there is much more of this sort of thing, it seems quite likely that those who established the party cry "Peace and a Fall Dinner Pail" may wish that, after all, they had elected a President who would not have "kept us out of the war."

DAY BY DAY.

WHEN THE OUTLOOK IS NOT GOOD, TRY THE UPLOOK.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand today was 2s. 3.5/10d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 32nd anniversary of the death of General Gordon.

Billiards.

In connection with the Palace Hotel billiards handicap, Mr. Lenigan (owes 80) meets Mr. McLeod (owes 20) to-night at 8.30 o'clock.

Tramcar Accident.

The body of a Chinese has been conveyed to the public mortuary, death having ensued from injuries received after being knocked down by a tram.

Bangkok Restrictions.

We are informed from the Colonial Secretariat that persons arriving in Bangkok from Hongkong will be required to produce proof of recent vaccination; otherwise, they will be vaccinated compulsorily. Vessels must complete fourteen days from Hongkong.

Motor Car Mishap.

The driver of a motor car from the Exile Garage has reported to the Police that whilst he was driving a car in Queen's Road yesterday, a little boy was knocked down. The lad was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from injuries to the head and face.

Victoria Theatre.

The current programme at the Victoria contains abundance of interesting matter. There are two fresh episodes of the serial "Greed," a Pathe Gazette, a splendid Max Linder picture and a variety of comice. To-morrow night there will be a change of programme.

The "Khaki Bag."

Mrs. Milroy's "khaki bag" has been the means of another draft of £20 being sent to the Weekly Dispatch for the purchase of cigarettes and tobacco for the 6th Gordon Highlanders, a battalion of the Welsh Fusiliers and a detachment of the R.A.M.C. The "khaki bag," known to some as the "magic bag," has now collected the sum total of £200. It is still going strong and any contribution, however small, will be welcomed.

Old Lady Tricked.

An old lady has laid information with the Police as to how she came to be robbed, in a particularly mean way, of \$95. She states that she was walking along the street when she was met by a man, who, seeing that she was holding the money in notes in her hand, said to her that they required "chopping," and that he would get them done for her. She handed the money over to him, and he went up some stairs, after telling her to wait. She did so for some considerable time, and, of course, she has not seen the man since.

A Paper Lion.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a jacket and a cap. Defendant said there was a paper lion in the street and he was watching its antics with other people. Crackers were being fired at the same time, and to escape them he ran under the verandah. P. C. Williams said it was true that there was a big crowd there. He saw defendant come rushing down the stairs with complainant hot on his heels. Defendant ran into his (witness's) arms and was taken into custody. Defendant was sent to prison for seven days.

Ammunition Possession.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, with having 35 rounds of revolver ammunition aboard the s.s. China. The two small boxes containing the stuff were done up to look like bars of soap, soap wrappers being around them. Defendant said he found the ammunition near two boxes, and picked them up to see if anyone claimed them. A fine of \$42 was imposed. Another man was charged with having 110 rounds in his possession. When the detective brought the parcel out, defendant said it was medicine. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

Civil Service v. Chinese Recreation Club.

The above teams met on the C.R.C. ground on Wednesday afternoon, the game resulting in a draw. Batting first, the C.R.C. knocked up 134 runs for the loss of 8 wickets, when they declared their innings closed. The Civil Service team responded with 105 runs for 5 wickets, when stumps were drawn. The scores were:—

C. R. C.	Civil Service
Wong Po Keung, b Wiltchell ... 7	Wong Po Keung, b Wiltchell ... 7
Wei Lee Son, c and b Southerton ... 14	Wei Lee Son, c and b Southerton ... 14
Ng Sze Kwong, c and b Wiltchell ... 0	Ng Sze Kwong, c and b Wiltchell ... 0
H. Ching, c and b Southerton ... 1	H. Ching, c and b Southerton ... 1
Un Hui Fan, b Southerton ... 4	Un Hui Fan, b Southerton ... 4
Geo. Lee, not out ... 50	Geo. Lee, not out ... 50
Yew Man Tsun, b Ling ... 28	Yew Man Tsun, b Ling ... 28
A. Kow, b Ling ... 2	A. Kow, b Ling ... 2
Mok Hing, b Ling ... 11	Mok Hing, b Ling ... 11
R. Chan, not out ... 5	R. Chan, not out ... 5
Yeung Shuk Ping, did not bat	Yeung Shuk Ping, did not bat
Extras ... 14	Extras ... 14
Total (for 8 wkts.) ... 134	Total (for 8 wkts.) ... 134

Bowling.—

O.	M.	R.	W.
Southerton ... 13	3	48	3
Wiltchell ... 11	0	54	2
Ling ... 7	2	18	3

C. S. C.

O.	M.	R.	W.
R. C. Wiltchell, c and b Lee ... 31			
D. Goodall, st. Wei, b Ng ... 26			
E. W. Dawson, b Un ... 18			
R. G. Southerton, l.b.w., b Un ... 5			
C. F. Mason, run out ... 2			
C. Tacchi, not out ... 2			
J. W. Frank, not out ... 7			
H. W. Edmonds, F. Ling, C. Sara, P. T. Lumble, did not bat			
Extras ... 10			
Total (for 5 wkts.) ... 105			

Bowling.—

O.	M.	R.	W.
Ching ... 4	1	5	0
Un Hui Fan ... 12	3	28	2
Ng Sze Kwong ... 7	0	26	1
Geo. Lee ... 6	1	23	1
Yew Man Tsun ... 4	0	13	0

Interesting Holiday Matches.

On Chinese New Year's Day a very interesting match was played on the Hongkong cricket ground, between teams styling themselves "Proletariat" and "Pedagogues." The scores were:—

Proletariat.

O.	M.	R.	W.
E. J. R. Mitchell, c. Edwards ... 1			
b Kay ... 0			
S. P. Thorsfield, l.b.w., b Kay ... 0			
F. D. Biseker, b Kay ... 4			
J. V. Braga, c Wright, b Kay ... 20			
Commr. Gibson, b Kay ... 6			
B. D. Evans, c Bird, b Kay ... 4			
H. H. Taylor, b Brayshaw ... 4			
M. M. Mass, not out ... 9			
R. Kennedy, c Ponsonby Fane, b de Rome ... 5			
F. Sutton, c and b de Rome ... 7			
E. W. Hamilton, c Brown, b de Rome ... 1			
Extras ... 12			
Total ... 73			

Second Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
E. J. R. Mitchell, c de Rome, b Brayshaw ... 26			
Commr. Gibson, c and b Brayshaw ... 39			
B. D. Evans, c Wright, b Bird ... 4			
H. H. Taylor, c Marley, b Bird ... 0			
J. V. Braga, c Southerton, b Bird ... 28			
M. M. Mass, c Brayshaw, b Bird ... 4			
P. P. Thorsfield, b de Rome ... 17			
F. D. Biseker, b Brayshaw ... 0			
E. W. Hamilton, b de Rome ... 8			
R. Kennedy, not out ... 4			
F. Sutton, b Brayshaw ... 1			
Extras ... 14			
Total ... 145			

Bowling.—1st Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Kay ... 9	1	30	6
Bird ... 4	0	15	0
Brayshaw ... 7	2	8	1
de Rome ... 2	3	0	8

Bowling.—2nd Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Kay ... 3	0	13	0
Brayshaw ... 12	4	13	5
Bird ... 7	0	45	3
Marley ... 1	0	4	0
de Rome ... 3	0	21	2

Pedagogues.

O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Ponsonby Fane, c Biseker, b Hamilton ... 3			
A. O. Brown, b Mass ... 8			
K. Brayshaw, c Hamilton, b Mass ... 7			
F. J. de Rome, l.b.w., b Hamilton ... 34			

F. A. Redmond, b Hamilton ... 6
G. E. Marley, b Hamilton ... 6
R. G. Southerton, l.b.w., b Hamilton ... 1
Hamilton ... 1
J. D. Wright, b Mass ... 12
R. E. O. Bird, not out ... 16
E. J. Edwards, b Hamilton ... 3
W. Kay, b Hamilton ... 0
Extras ... 4
Total ... 95

Second Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
A. O. Brown, b Taylor ... 3			
E. J. Edwards, b Hamilton ... 1			
G. E. Marley, b Hamilton ... 53			
F. J. de Rome, c Mitchell, b Gibson ... 7			
F. A. Redmond, c Gibson, b Taylor ... 0			
K. Brayshaw, b Evans ... 17			
J. D. Wright, b Evans ... 8			
R. Ponsonby Fane, not out ... 5			
R. E. O. Bird, not out ... 16			
R. G. Southerton, did not bat			
W. Kay ... 16			
Extras ... 18			
Total ... 124			

Bowling.—First Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamilton ... 5	4	27	7
Mass ... 12	1	45	3
Braga ... 2	0	18	0

Bowling.—Second Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamilton ... 6	1	9	2
Mass ... 2	0	3	0
Taylor ... 8	1	33	2
Gibson ... 5	1	30	1
Evans ... 4	0	29	2

Married v. Single.

This match was played on the Cricket Ground yesterday, when the feature of the day was the fine display of G. E. Marley, who scored 156, in great style. There were many other good scores made, the details being:—

First Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
E. J. R. Mitchell, c and b Marley ... 27			
Marley ... 156			
Lt. E. H. Gray, c and b Gibson ... 45			
R. Ponsonby Fane, c Evans, b Marley ... 11			
W. H. Stapleton, c and b Marley ... 0			
F. J. de Rome, c Gibson, b Marley ... 24			
B. E. O. Bird, c and b Marley ... 0			
R. Kennedy, c and b Gibson ... 1			
L. D. McNicoll, b Gibson ... 1			
M. M. Mass, not out ... 8			
E. W. Hamilton, c Taylor, b Redmond ... 35			
L. Hodge, st. Sutton, b Redmond ... 6			
Extras ... 3			
Total ... 161			

Second Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Marley, b Morgan ... 19			
Marley ... 156			
R. Ponsonby Fane, b Marley ... 33			
W. H. Stapleton, not out ... 43			
F. J. de Rome, st. Sutton, b Marley ... 4			
B. E. O. Bird, b Evans ... 6			
R. Kennedy, L. D. McNicoll, M. M. Mass, E. W. Hamilton, L. Hodge, did not bat			
Extras ... 2			
Total ... 107			

Bowling.—1st Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Evans ... 4	0	22	6
Morgan ... 4	0	19	0
Marley ... 12	0	70	5
Taylor ... 4	0	18	0
Gibson ... 9	3	18	3
Redmond ... 13	0	11	2

Bowling.—2nd Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibson ... 2	0	12	0
Redmond ... 4	1	16	1
Morgan ... 5	0	30	1
Macaskill ... 3	2	28	0
Evans ... 2	1	5	1
Marley ... 2	0	10	2
Robinson ... 1	0	4	0

Married.

O.	M.	R.	W.
J. V. Braga, b Hamilton ... 4			
B. D. Evans, c Kennedy, b Hamilton ... 11			
G. E. Marley, c de Rome, b Bird ... 156			
Commr. Gibson, b Bird ... 21			
F. A. Redmond, b Bird ... 10			
K. Macaskill, c and b Bird ... 0			
H. H. Taylor, c Bird, c Hamilton ... 30			
Col. Morgan, c Hamilton, b Gray ... 11			
J. P. Robinson, c Hodge, b Bird ... 25			
S. E. Green, run out ... 6			
F. Sutton, not out ... 11			
Extras ... 22			

CYCLIST'S ACTION.

Sequel to Alleged Praya Nuisance.

An interesting case, resulting from the practice of placing junk planks on the Praya, was heard by the Police Judge in the Summary Court this morning, when John Carr, an electrical engineer, living at Leighton Hill Road, sued Lai Chi, master of the conservancy junk, No. T. 2115 H. Li Wing-kwong, and Pang On, partners in the On Wing Company, for \$500, as damages sustained through defendants' negligence in placing the landing board of their junk across the Praya East on November 22. The claim was made up of \$15—the cost of a Sunbeam bicycle—\$20, for a pair of trousers, and \$330 for personal injuries.

Mr. Mattingly represented the plaintiff and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing) defended.

Mr. Mattingly explained that the action was for damages sustained by plaintiff through running into a projecting plank, which was put out from defendant's junk. Plaintiff was cycling time. The matter was paid to the Police, and defendants had been prosecuted by Mr. H. Zeland at the Police Court, and had been convicted. The case was really one of nuisance by obstructing the highway, and it was for the defendants to show that the presence of the plank was reasonable.

His Lordship:—Would not the defendants have the right to use the sea wall reasonably?

Mr. Mattingly:—The onus is on the defendant to satisfy your Lordship that he was using it reasonably.

Plaintiff deposed that he was a shift engineer of the Electric Light Company. He was going home from work just after midnight on the night in question, and just before he reached the Sanitary pier he ran into a plank which was projecting across the Praya. He was thrown heavily from his machine, and sustained injuries to himself and clothing. His bicycle was badly damaged. He at once went to the Police Station and reported the matter to Sergeant Floyd, who went back with him and examined the spot. The plank was projecting more than six feet over the edge of the sea wall, and because it was sloping, the end of it was eighteen inches high. Witness was riding about five feet from the sea wall, and if he had been nearer he would have fallen into the sea, as he fell on his left side. He was riding at about seven or eight miles an hour. When he picked himself up, he thought the best thing to do was to throw the plank into the sea. He had been using the road for three years, and had never had a similar accident before. He avoided the tram lines, because he had had a nasty side-slip on them once. Witness went on to give the positions of the tramway poles, the tram lines, and the plank, and added that he thought two feet was enough for any plank to protrude on to the sea wall.

Questioned by Mr. Jenkin, plaintiff said he never rode on the sea side of the lamp standards. That would only be the action of a boy. Asked why he did not ride nearer to the tram line, plaintiff said he thought he was riding along a reasonable part of the road.

Evidence was also given by Sergeant Floyd, who spoke of going to the spot with plaintiff, when he saw the forks of the junk replace the plank. They then allowed it to project over four feet. He knew plaintiff had been offered \$25 compensation.

At this stage the case was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Bijou Theatre.

The Bijou Theatre announces an attractive change of programme, including a special war picture entitled "The King's Service," which depicts the latest reviews of troops, the Fleet, etc. by His Majesty the King. A thrilling detective film, "Charley Bins and the Knaves of Spades," also to be screened.

HONGKONG WAR CHARITIES FUND.

A Year's Contributions Reviewed.

The total subscriptions received since this fund was opened one year ago amount to \$236,639.04, including the net amount collected on "Our Day," \$39,751.07.

In May last year, a sum of £5,000 was remitted to London for the Royal Flying Corps Hospital, but £2,250 of this £5,000 not immediately required for the Hospital has been utilised for other purposes.

Various sums have been allocated and remitted since the above, and the amount now remaining in the General Fund here is \$13,481.32.

All allocations and all earmarked subscriptions have been remitted to the proper quarter, and, without giving the full details, which would require an elaborate statement, the sums remitted to the various funds and organisations at Home are as undernoted:—

Royal Flying Corps Hospital	£. s. d.
Officers' Families Fund	2,750 0 0
Red Cross	2,229 16 3
Red Cross (Our Day)	1,300 3 11
Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund	5,000 0 0
Star & Garter Building Fund	164 19 4
Prisoners of War Funds	2,287 19 5
Y. M. C. A. Hat Fund (\$1,152.05 per Hong Kong Daily Press)	1,588 19 1
Y. M. C. A. Hat Fund (Subscriptions per Hong Kong Daily Press)	604 9 7
St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors	600 0 0
Dreadnought Hospital Relief in Belgium	1,821 7 2
Soldiers & Sailors Families Association	500 0 0
Catholic Women's League Hat Fund	573 4 6
Newspapers for the Fleet	16 9 11
Lady Roberts' Field Glass Fund	1 1 10
Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation	20 0 0
Blue Cross Fund	7 13 5
Invalid Children's Aid Association	12 3 6
Royal Soldiers Daughters Home	5 0 0
Earl of Londesborough Charing Cross Hospital	20 0 0
Lady Lugard Hospital Fund	5 0 0
British and Foreign Sailors Society	10 0 0
Soldiers Club Association	50 0 0
To various charities which may be in urgent need of funds (to be apportioned by the London Committee)	25 0 0
In addition to the above, the Hongkong Association of Women War Workers has been supplied with over \$32,000 worth of materials to enable them to carry out the good work they are doing in making bandages, garments for men in hospitals and other hospital necessities.	1,000 0 0

The balance of some \$13,000 will go only a very little way towards meeting the calls on the Fund, and the Committee must renew their appeal to the community.

As pointed out in H.E. the Governor's speech at the last General Committee meeting, it is hoped that the monthly subscriptions will increase. These are the most useful form of subscription, enabling an estimate to be made of the amounts which will be received, and thus giving the Committee a steady working basis.

Subscription lists may be obtained on application from Mr. N. J. Stubb, the Hon. Treasurer, c/o Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

"Playing the Fool." Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with "playing the fool." He was arrested by an Indian but put up such a resistance that assistance had to be obtained. A fine of \$5 was imposed for "playing the fool," and \$20 for resisting arrest.

SALOON BOY DISCHARGED.

Arms and Ammunition on the Montague.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a Chinese was charged with having in his possession eight Winchester rifles, eight Mauser pistols and 1,500 rounds of ammunition aboard the s.s. Montague.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada appeared for the defence.

Captain Hayley said that the last time the ship was in Hongkong defendant was away in hospital ill, and his work was being carried out by the No. 2 saloon boy, defendant being the No. 1. The store was open for about half-an-hour while at sea at certain times, but in port it would be open for a considerable time on occasions. Defendant, when on the ship, had charge of the store room and had the key; this, of course, he handed over to the other man when he was away ill.

Defendant, in the box, said that he had been in the employment of the Company for about 17 years. He had been five years on the Montague and twelve on the Empress of China. When he left the ship, because he was ill, he handed the key to the No. 2, who had charge of the store, and, incidentally, the locker in which the arms were found. He (defendant) did not know that the arms were in the locker. If anyone wanted any of the stores he could hand the key over to them. His Worship discharged the defendant.

HOW TO KEEP WELL THIS WINTER.

Don't let your blood get thin this winter. For people who have a tendency towards anaemia (which is bloodlessness) winter is a trying season. Lack of exercise and fresh air, with other disadvantages, combine to lower the tone of the body and deplete the blood.

As soon as you notice the tired feeling, lack of appetite and shortness of breath, that are warning symptoms of thin blood, take a short treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Do not wait until the colour has entirely left your cheeks until your lips are white, your eyes dull and your ears like mother-of-pearl. It is so much easier to correct thinning of the blood in the earlier stages than later.

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THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION forms for Membership of the above Association may be obtained from all the Banks or from the undersigned:

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Hongkong, 15th January, 1917.

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NOTICE.

From 1st February till further notice the following changes will be made in the Company's Time Table.

SUNDAYS.

From 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. every quarter of an hour instead of every ten minutes.

From 6.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. every ten minutes instead of every quarter of an hour.

SUNDAYS & WEEK-DAYS.

The 8.10 p.m. car will be discontinued.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

POULTRY.

OUR HOUSE FED CAPONS AND CHICKENS ARE THE BEST IN THE EAST. TENDER EATING, DELICATE FLAVOUR.—TRY THEM.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong to be sold by order of the Mortgagee by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, the 6th day of February, 1917, at 3 o'clock p.m.

By MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer, at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

The Property consists of:—All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT NO. 25. Together with the messuages and premises thereon—known as Nos. 6 and 7 Praya East and Nos. 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58 and 60 Queen's Road, East Victoria's aforesaid.

The said premises are held for the term of 999 years from the 9th day of July 1844 created therein by a Crown Lease of the said Lot dated the 14th day of July 1882 and made between Her late Majesty Queen Victoria of the one part and Lee Yune Wa of the other part subject to the payment of the Crown Rent and to the observance and performance of the Lessee's covenants and conditions therein reserved and contained:

Area 27,500 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$484.84.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to DENNIS & BOWLEY, 6, Des Vœux Road, Central, Solicitors for the Vendor, or to MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer, Duddell Street.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN, JAVA-PACIFIC LIJN.

THE Steamship

"BINTANG," having arrived from SAN FRANCISCO, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after noon, the 1st February, 1917, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 3rd February, 1917, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st January, 1917, at 10 a.m. by the Company's surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN, Hongkong, 25th January, 1917.

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"LOST, STOLEN or STRAYED in the vicinity of Magazine Gap on the evening of 23rd January, small black and white Japanese Spaniel bitch. Suitable reward to finder on return to H. B. L. Dowbiggin 168, The Peak."

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will be held on WEDNESDAY next the 31st of January, at 12.30 in the City Hall. All subscribers are invited. The Hon. Mr. P. H. Hloyak has kindly consented to take the chair.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES VICTORIA BUILDINGS on SATURDAY 10th February, 1917, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the REPORT of DIRECTORS together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 1st the SATURDAY 10th February, 1917, (both days inclusive) during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited. Hongkong, 25th January, 1917.

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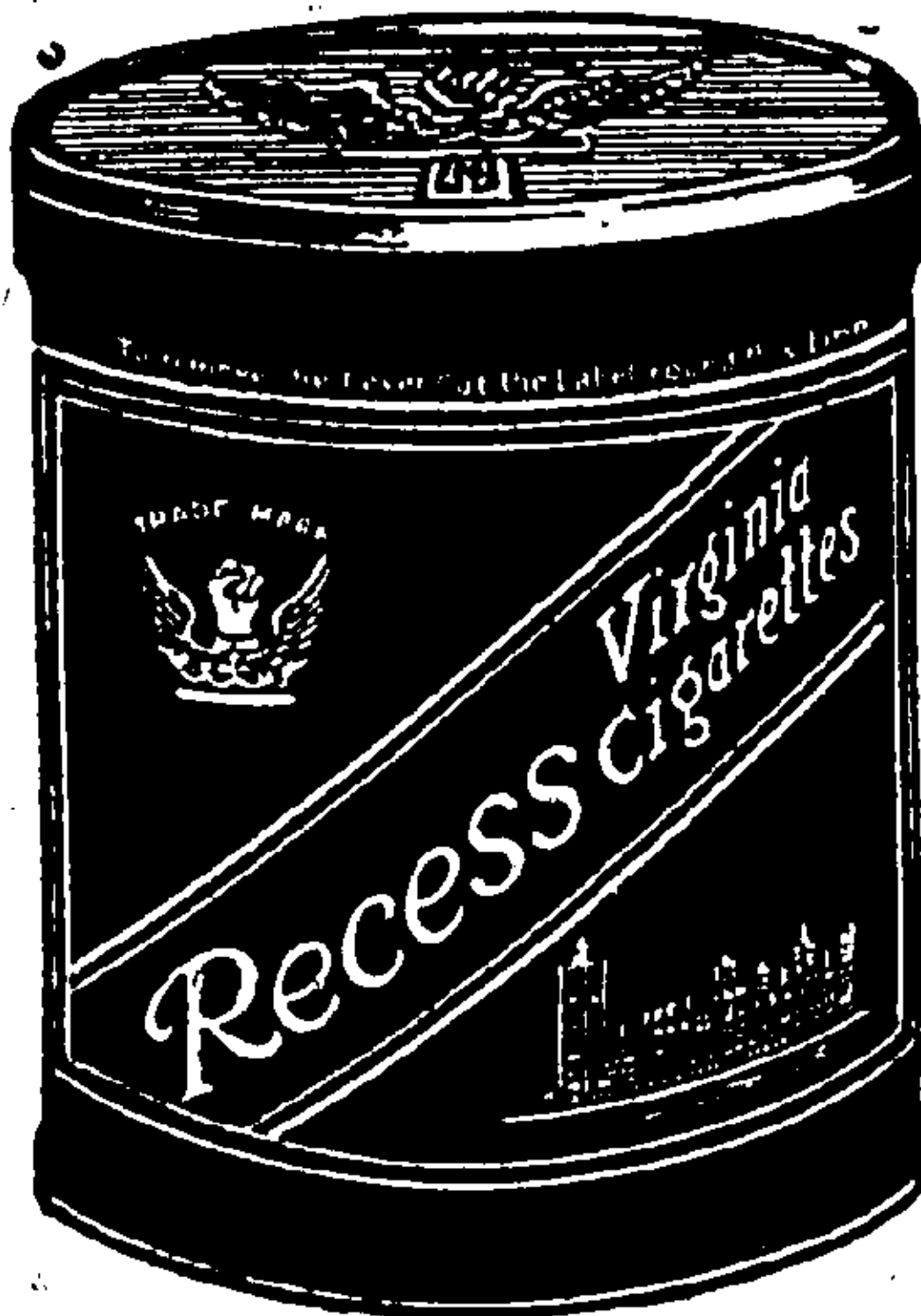
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Fuel and Washing, 16th February, 1917.
Forge and Indian Supplies, 20th February, 1917.
Meat and General Supplies, "A," 2nd February, 1917.
Hospital Supplies, 1st March, 1917.
General Supplies "B," 2nd March, 1917.

Forms and other particulars may be obtained personally at the above office between the hours of 10 A.M. and 1 P.M.

Tender Forms must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Forge, etc."

Tenders must be, and will not be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$100 as a guarantee of good faith, such sum to be forfeited to the State if the tenderer fails to attend at the Headquarters Office after twenty-four hours' notice in writing being left at the tenderer's address, or fails to render in samples within twenty-four hours of written application being left at the said address, or refuses to accept a contract allotted to him.

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Dec. 28th, 1916.

Sterling Shares.

Nom. Value. Buyers Sellers.

2½ Shares.		
Allagar	2/8	2/9
Anglo-Java	4/-	5/-
Anglo-Malay	15/-	12/-
Batavia Malacca	3/2	3/8
Bekoh	2/-	3/7½
Bkt. Marjawan	3/6	4/6
Bkt. Sambawang	2/6	3/-
Chersonese (F.M.S.)	3/3	4/-
Chimpul	1/6	1/10
Cicaly	17/6	20/-
Cicaly Prod.	18/-	21/-
Consolidated	10/-	12/6
Heavwood	2/5	2/8
Kamuning Perak	3/3	3/3
Kota Tinggi	2/5	2/3
Labu (F.M.S.)	6/-	7/6
Linggi Ord.	18/-	20/-
Loudon & R.	6/6	7/3
Merlimau	4/6	5/6
Padang Jawa	2/6	2/-
Pataling	30/-	35/-
Perak	5/-	6/6
Port Dickson	2/4	3/-
Selangor	22/6	25/-
S'pore Para	3/-	3/6
S'pore United	2/3	2/3
Str. Settlements (Bertram)	2/1½	5/7½
Sumatra Para	6/9	7/6
Untd. Serdang		
Sumatra	11/6	13/-
Untd. Sumatra	6/6	7/6
Untd. Temiang	2/10	3/3
Vallambrosa	18/3	17/9

£1 Shares.

Batu Tiga	60/-	80/-
Bkt. Rajah	130/-	150/0
Castellid	100/-	112/6
Damansara	65/-	75/-
H'lands & L'lands	50/-	55/-
Kuala Lumpur	30/-	35/-
Langdon	40/-	45/-
Langen (Java)	45/-	50/-
Ledbury	50/-	57/6
Lumut	37/6	45/-

Malacca R. P.

Ord.	30/-	30/-
7½ Pref.	70/-	80/-
Nordana	21/-	23/6
Permas	28/3	35/-
Pegoh	42/6	50/-
Rembia Ord.	25/-	30/-
Rembia Prof.	24/-	30/-
Rubber Plant		
Invest.	21/-	25/6
Sapong	25/-	30/-
Seaford	80/-	90/-
Seremban	17/6	20/-
Shelford	27/6	35/-
Sialang	60/-	70/-
S'goi Way	75/-	85/-
Tebrau (Johore)	60/-	70/-
Untd. Sui Betong	50/-	60/-

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\$1 Shares.

Alor Gajah	3.75	4.07
Ayer Kuning	1.30	1.40
Ayer Molek	2.30	2.40
Balgownie	4.60	4.80
Bkt. Jelutong	.65	.75
Bkt. Katil	.75	.85
Glennally	2.00	2.40
Jeram	1.75	1.90
Jimah	1.75	1.85
Malaka Pinda	1.85	2.00
Mandai Tekong	.80	.95
Pantai	1.20	1.40
Punggur	.75	.85
Tambalak	.90	1.00
Ulu Pandan	.80	.90
Untd. Malacca	1.00	1.15

\$2 Shares.

Kempas	7.00	7.50
Malakoff	4.70	4.85
New Serendah	4.00	4.30
Sandycroft	4.50	5.00
S'goi Dagan	3.40	3.60
Trafalgar	1.30	1.50

\$5 Shares.

Ayer Panas	11.25	12.00
Ch'kat Serdang	9.25	9.50
Hartor	10.00	11.00
Kelamak	6.00	6.50
Lunas	6.50	7.00
Meerui	4.50	4.80
Nyalas	6.50	6.80
Poj'm	12.00	20.00
Radella	10.25	10.75
Telik Anson	10.50	11.50

\$10 Shares.

Bukit Timah	12.00	15.00
Indragiri	12.00	20.00
Pekala Belang	3.50	4.00
Tapah	21.00	27.00

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Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS
OUTWARD.

Tai O.—Week days, 5 p.m.
Tai Po.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 9.30 a.m.
Cheung Chow.—Week days, 2 p.m.
Shataukok, Shatin and Sheungshui.—Week days, 4 p.m.
Abercrombie, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, San Tin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.
Canton, Simsbury and Wanchow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 5 p.m.; Letters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.
Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Nantau and Samui.—Week days, 5 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Shamchun.—Week days, 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.

FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN
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Macao.—Week days, 7.50 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.; 1.30 p.m.
Sundays, 8.30 a.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.
Canton.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 8.30 p.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m., 9.30 p.m.
Tai Ping Tung.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.
Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.
Kumchuk.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.
Kaukung.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Except Saturdays; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Bessing in, Nor., ss. 1,083, Thoren, 23rd Jan.—Mike, 16th Jan., Coal—T. & Co.
Dagfin, Nor., ss. 838, Trosen, 23rd Jan.—Bangkok, Rice—T. & Co.
Ichnar, Br., ss. 1,225, Jones, 23rd Jan.—Shanghai, 20th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Loongsang, Br., ss. 1,523, Teak, 23rd Jan.—Manila, 2nd Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Otary M. Jap., ss. 1,555, Takahashi, 23rd Jan.—Hongkong, 20th Jan., Coal—M. B. K.
Rijon M. Jap., ss. 2,397, Nakayama, 23rd Jan.—Baliu Papan, 15th Jan., Gen.—D. & Co.
Trigonis, Dut., ss. 1,337, Tijzeboom, 23rd Jan.—Paembang, 11th Jan., Bulk oil—A. P. Co.
Yei M. Jap., ss. 959, 23rd Jan.—Wakmatu, 16th Jan., Coal—M. B. K.
Choru M. Jap., ss. 993, Ikeda, 24th Jan.—Bangkok, 15th Jan., Rice—Chinese.
Fushiki M. Jap., ss. 1,007, Fijii, 24th Jan.—Keelung, 21st Jan., Coal—M. B. K.
Hoyan M. Jap., ss. 1,119, Kohai, 24th Jan.—Dairen, 18th Jan., Beans—M. B. K.
Kaifong, Br., ss. 987, Evans, 24th Jan.—Hoibow, 23rd Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Kujo M. Jap., ss. 1,216, Egawa, 24th Jan.—Seaton, 23rd Jan., Gen.—O. S. K.
Kukuear, Br., ss. 1,516, Peacock, 24th Jan.—Wilhelms, 19th Jan., Gen.—P. & S.
Mikayo M. Jap., ss. 888, Torayaka, 24th Jan.—Bangkok, 10th Jan., Rice—Chinese.
Toyora M. Jap., ss. 1,468, Shimizu, 24th Jan.—Moj, 17th Jan., Coal—N. Y. K.
Shachang, Br., ss. 1,372, Hicbbs, 24th Jan.—Saigon, 1st Jan., Hi e—B. & S.
Yingchow, Br., ss. 1,012, Gibb, 24th Jan.—Shanghai, 21st Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Yechio M. Jap., ss. 1,657, 24th Jan.—Moj, 17th Jan., Coal—M. B. K.
Fochin, Ch., ss. 1,69, Baines, 24th Jan.—Siam, 21st Jan., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 25th at 12.10—Pressure has increased considerably over Japan and decreased over China, moderately in the North, considerably over the Yangtze Valley and slightly in the South. It has increased slightly over the Philippines. The anticyclone has weakened and moved eastward. It is now central over S.W. Japan.

A somewhat deep depression has passed from N.E. Japan into the Pacific. Moderate monsoon is indicated over the China Sea. It is interrupted to the north of Amoy.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.34 inches, against an average of 0.94 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW,
District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock.	E. winds, strong to moderate; cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel.	N.E. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamoo.	as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan.	E. winds, moderate.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
January 25, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
Vostock	6a	30.18	4	n	6c	
Nemuro	5a	29.47		nw	5	
Hakodate		29.87		nw	5	
Tokio		30.02		nw	0	
Kochi		30.23		nw	1	
Nagasaki		30.27		nw	2	
Kagima		30.27		nw	2	
Oshima		31.15		nw	1	
Naha		30.73		nw	0	
Ishijima		30.17		c	2	
Bonin Is.		30.06		nw	2	
Chaofo	6a	30.18	28	81	e	4o
Whaiwei						
Hankow						
Ichang						
Kiukiang						
Changsha						
Shanghai		30.17	37	83	se	1b
Guttsiaf		30.17	40	91	se	4o
Sharp P.		30.04	50	90	nw	2o
Amoy	9a	30.16	10	79	nw	2o
Swatow	6a	30.11	49	100	e	1c
Taihou	5a	30.08	51	91	se	2b
Taiwan		30.18	45			
Koshun		30.05	63	ne	4b	
P'lores		30.06	59	nse	6b	
Canton	6a	30.07	51	94	e	0o
H'kong		30.06	55	72	e	4o
Gap Rock		30.05	78	97	ene	6o
Macao		30.06	15	79	nse	1o
Wuchow	9a					
Pathoi						
Holow						
Phu Lien	7a	29.92	59	98	e	2of
Tourans		29.94	66		nw	2of
C. St. J.		29.84	70		se	2o
Appari	6	29.97	68	85	e	2o
Dagupan		29.85	72	94	se	2b
Manila		29.84	75	94	se	4o
Lagupai		29.81	73	92		4o
Tacloban		29.78	77	91	n	4o
Hollo		29.78	78	97	ene	4o
Surigao		29.71	78	91	n	2b
Lobuan						

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 25, 1917.
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4 Direction of Wind, to two points.
5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date.
Barometer	30.16	30.11	30.17
Temperature	55	55	62
Humidity	64	72	63
Wind Direction	ESE	E	E
Force	4	4	3
Weather	o	o	o
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open air temperature on day	55	55	55
Lowest	45	45	45

H.K. Observatory, January 25, 1917.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

ENTERTAINMENT'S

VICTORIA THEATRE.

FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1917.

7th and 8th Episodes of the

"IRON CLAW."

The Hooded Helper and the Stroke of Twelve.

"PATHE'S BRITISH GAZETTE."

"FLORENCE ROSE FASHIONS."

"A DAY WITH BETTY YOUNG."

Booking at ANDERSON'S.

BIJOU THEATRE.

The Cosiest Theatre in Hongkong.

"THE KING'S SERVICE."

A splendid war picture in 3 parts.

"CHARLEY COLMS AND THE KNAVE OF SPADES."

A beautiful detective drama in 4 parts.

Also Comics Films.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

(OLD LAND OFFICE BUILDING).

COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1917.

IN THE CLUTCH

of the

APACHE

A powerful drama in 7 parts. Featuring the little child MARIE.

Also Comic Films.

SATURDAY, 27th January: See 7th and 8th Series of the
"MYSTERIES OF THE GRAND HOTEL."

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG LAND
INVESTMENT & AGENCY
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 18th to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1917.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 18th to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.General Agents for the
West Point Building Company,
Limited.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1917.

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL
ESTATE LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 3